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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
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Peter James Duffett-Smith et al. : Group Art Unit: 2683
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Serial No.: 09/830,447 : Examiner: Rampuria, S.
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Filed: April 27, 2001 :
: :
For: IMPROVEMENTS IN RADIO :
POSITIONING SYSTEMS :

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

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Applicants respectfully petition to withdraw holding of abandonment in the above-captioned application based on failure to receive an office action pursuant to MPEP §711.03(c)(I)(A). Accordingly, no fee is due.

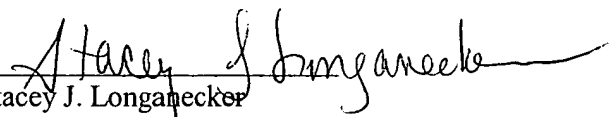
As stated in the Second Status Inquiry filed on January, 12, 2005, Applicants received a telephone message from the Examiner on or about July 12, 2004 asking whether the Applicants intended to abandon this application. The Applicants' representative returned the Examiner's call on the same day and indicated that the Applicants had no plans to abandon this application. The Examiner was advised that an initial Status Inquiry had been filed by the Applicants on July 17, 2002 (Exhibit 1), after the application had been pending for approximately fifteen months, and that no response was received to that Status Inquiry. Following the July 12, 2004 teleconference between Applicants' representative and the Examiner, the Examiner responded that an internal problem of some type had been encountered at the Office, and that an office action had been prepared but not yet mailed. The Applicants' representative was advised that the

office action would be located and mailed in due course. When the office action still had not been received, the Second Status Inquiry was filed on January 12, 2005 (Exhibit 2). A copy of the docketing record for the application is provided as Exhibit 3, which indicates both status inquiries and failure of the Patent Office to forward the office action until March 16, 2006. A copy of the March 16, 2006 facsimile cover sheet from the Patent Office is provided as Exhibit 4, along with copies of the first page of the office action and the Notice of Abandonment that were forwarded with the facsimile cover sheet.

When the Applicants' representative finally received the office action dated November 6, 2003 (Exhibit 4) via facsimile from the Patent Office on March 16, 2006, the Applicants' representative noted that the office action included the incorrect mailing address for the firm. This is an error on the part of the Patent Office since the Patent Office had the correct address as indicated on the Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 mailed on June 5, 2001, which is attached as Exhibit 5. Finally, a copy of the Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated Office/Elected Office Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371 is provided as Exhibit 6 which indicates on page 2 thereof the correct firm address for correspondence.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,


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STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

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The Applicants note that the above-identified application has been on file for almost 15 months without the issuance of an initial office action. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully ask to be advised of the status of the application, including an estimate of when an initial office action can be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 17, 2002



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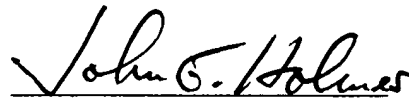
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The Applicants note that the above-identified application has been on file for almost four years without the issuance of an initial office action. An initial status inquiry was filed by the Applicants on July 17, 2002, after the application had been pending for approximately fifteen months. No response was received to that status inquiry, but the Applicants received a telephone message from the Examiner on or about July 12, 2004 asking whether the Applicants intended to abandon this application. The Applicants' representative returned the Examiner's call on the same day and indicated that the Applicants had no plans to abandon this application. The Examiner was also advised that a status inquiry had been filed approximately two years before, and that the Applicants were still awaiting a response to the status inquiry or the issuance of an initial office action. The Examiner responded that an internal problem of some type had been



encountered at the Office, and that an office action had been prepared but not yet mailed. The Applicant's representative was advised that the office action would be located and mailed in due course. To date, however, the office action has not been received. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully ask once again to be advised of the status of the application and to receive an estimate of when an office action can be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John E. Holmes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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COUNTRY	US	UNITED STATES	TITLE		PRIOR	6/1/1999	
NEW/CON	DCA	SERIAL#	09/830,447	IMPROVEMENTS IN RADIO POSITIONING SYSTEMS	MAIL		
RELATED	n/a	PATENT#			FILE	4/27/2001	
TYPE	UTL	STATUS	PENDING		PUBL		
CLIENT	GJE	GILL JENNINGS & EVERY LLP	1	CREF	MJB06733US	ISSUE	
AGENT				AREF		1ST	6/2/2000
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PR	Y	PRELIM AMENDMENT	4/27/2001										
AS	Y	ASSIGNMENT	4/27/2001										
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PRIOR APPLICATIONS						
REFERENCE#	CNTRY	SERIAL#	FILED	TITLE / DESCRIPTION	TYPE	
	GB	9912724.5	6/1/1999	Improvements in Radio Positioning Systems	APPL	
	WO	PCT/GB00/02104	6/2/2000	Improvements in Radio Positioning Systems	APPL	

USER-DEFINABLE FIELDS		PATENT FIELDS	
ART#		SMALL ENTITY	no
LOC		CLAIMS	
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		EXAMINER	
		CONFIRM#	

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☐ Urgent
 ☐ For Review
 ☐ For Comment
 ☐ For Reply
 ☒ Per Your Request

Comments:

Enclosed with Office actions for application 09/830,447 including a Non-Final rejection mailed on 11/6/2003 and an abandonment mailed on 7/27/2004.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/830,447	04/27/2001	Peter James Duffett-Smith	41253	7010

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11/06/2003

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EXAMINER

RAMPURIA, SHARAD K

ART UNIT

PAPER NUMBER

2683

DATE MAILED: 11/06/2003

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Notice of Abandonment

Application No.

09/830,447

Applicant(s)

DUFFETT-SMITH ET AL.

Examiner

Sharad Rampuria

Art Unit

2683

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 06 November 2003.
 - (a) ☐ A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
 - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection. (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
 - (c) ☐ A reply was received on _____ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
 - (d) ☒ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. A balance of \$_____ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$_____.
 - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
 - (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
 - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☐ The reason(s) below:



WILLIAM TROST
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
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Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.



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U.S. APPLICATION NO.	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.		

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PCT/GB00/02104

I.A. FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE
01 JUN 00	01 JUN 99

DATE MAILED:

05 JUN 2001

**NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495**

1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as ☐ a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), ☒ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above-identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is **ACCEPTED** for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

27 APR 2001	27 APR 2001
DATE OF RECEIPT OF	DATE OF RECEIPT OF ALL
35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above-identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

3. ☒ A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on 27 APR 2001 and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

- ☒ U.S. Basic National Fee.
 - ☒ Copy of the international application.
 - ☐ Translation of the international application into English.
 - ☒ Oath or Declaration of inventor(s).
 - ☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments. ☐ Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.
- The Article 19 amendments ☐ have ☐ not been entered.

- ☐ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.
- ☐ Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).

☐ Translation of Annexes to the IPER into English.

The Annexes ☐ have ☐ not been entered.

- ☒ Preliminary amendment(s) filed 27 APR 2001 and
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed and
- ☒ Assignment document.
- ☐ Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.
- ☐ Substitute specification filed
- ☐ Indication of Small Entity Status.
- ☒ Priority Document.
- ☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☒ and copies of the references cited therein.
- ☒ Other: IPEA 401, 402; ISA 220



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Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5).

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/GB00/02104INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
1 June 2000PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
1 June 1999

TITLE OF INVENTION Improvements in Radio Positioning Systems

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

Peter James DUFFETT-SMITH, James Paul BRICE and Paul HANSEN

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 16 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information:
 - (a) Copy of International Search Report (12 September 2000).
 - (b) Copy of Published International Application (7 December 2000).
 - (c) Copy of Demand (18 December 2000).
 - (d) Copy of Notification of Receipt of Demand (16 January 2001).

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17. ☒ The following fees are submitted:**BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)) :**

Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482)
nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO
and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO \$1000.00

International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to
USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO \$860.00

International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but
international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$710.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)
but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$690.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)
and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$100.00

ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =**CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY**

\$ 860.00

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than ☐ 20 ☐ 30
months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

\$ 0.00

CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	26 - 20 =	6	X \$18.00	\$ 108.00	
Independent claims	4 - 3 =	1	X \$80.00	\$ 80.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$270.00	\$ 270.00	

TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =

\$ 1318.00

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above
are reduced by 1/2.

\$ (0.00)

SUBTOTAL =

\$ 1318.00

Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than ☐ 20 ☐ 30
months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).

\$ 0.00

TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =

\$ 1318.00

Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be
accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +

\$ 40.00

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =

\$ 1358.00

Amount to be
refunded:

\$

charged:

\$

a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1358.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees.
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

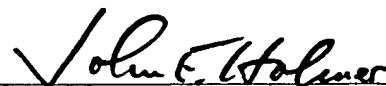
c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any
overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2220. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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